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SENATE CONFIRMS RANDY SMITH

Pocatello judge to serve on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The United States Senate unanimously confirmed Norman Randy Smith today to serve on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Smith currently serves as an Idaho State District Judge in Pocatello, Idaho.

Following the vote, Judge Smith said, “As a kid from Idaho, I couldn't have received a better honor. I'm so appreciative of Senator Craig's and Senator Crapo's complete support during this process.”

Idaho Senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo both supported Judge Smith's nomination. Craig offered, “Today's unanimous vote demonstrates the respect Judge Smith has among the legal community. He will serve Idaho and our country well on the Ninth Circuit as one who understands judges interpret law, they don't create it.”

“I have known Judge Smith and his work for many years. As a strong supporter of his nomination, I am pleased to see the hard work we have put into his nomination come to fruition today. I also applaud the President for answering our call for such a high-caliber nomination to this important seat,” Crapo said. “Judge Smith's unanimous approval by the Senate is well-deserved and long overdue, considering his extensive background in teaching and practicing law. Idahoans deserve a reasoned, experienced voice on the 9th Circuit. They have one in Judge Smith.”